

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the maintenance and operation of this train by the Railways since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). The Life Line Express has been launched and run by a voluntary organisation. As per the Memorandum of Understanding the Ministry of Railways were only to make available remodel, run/stable 3 BG Coaches for Impact India Foundation. All social, technical and medical aspect including medical equipment and staff required for running this mobile hospital are being undertaken by the Impact India foundation. Maintenance and operation charges of these coaches are being borne by Impact India Foundation.

Rail Development Projects in Orissa

3011. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Development Projects in Orissa have been shelved and the money allotted for these projects has been transferred to the other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether shelving of these projects is likely to cause escalation in the cost of these projects; and

(d) the amounts already spent on the ongoing Railway projects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The amount so far spent upto 31.3.96 on ongoing New Lines, Doubling and Gauge Conversion Railways Projects in Orissa State is about Rs. 950 crores.

Pension Adalats

3012. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Pension Adalats organised in all Zones of the Railways; and

(b) the number of pensions cases decided by Pension Adalats in each of the Zones during 1995 and pending as on June 30, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Pension Adalats in Zonal Headquarters and Divisions are held once in every year, i.e. on 15th of December.

(b) Number of grievances decided and the number of grievances pending in the last pension adalat

conducted on 15.12.95 are as under. Figures as on 30.06.96 are not available.

Railway	No. of cases decided	No. of cases Pending
Central	768	130
Eastern	440	4
Northern	333	47
North Eastern	207	64
Northeast Ft.	76	22
Southern	636	46
South Central	226	17
South Eastern	104	29
Western	379	2

Pension to Freedom Fighters

3013. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of freedom fighters enjoying pension as on March 31, 1996, State-wise;

(b) whether the proven absconders of National struggle are considered for sanction of freedom fighters' pension;

(c) the amount of pension given to the freedom fighters by the States and Centre, separately; and

(d) the amount spent on this head during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). From the inception of the Scheme Freedom Fighters' pension has been sanctioned to 162757 persons upto 31.03.1996. A Statement showing state-wise details of persons who have been sanctioned freedom fighters pension by the Central Government is attached.

(b) Freedom Fighters who participated in the National Struggle with proven suffering of atleast six months abscondence against an executive order are considered for sanction of freedom fighters' pension.

(c) The Freedom Fighters are drawing Central pension at the rate of Rs. 1500 per month. The rates of pension granted by the State Government varies from State to State. However, the details of the rates of State pension are not available.

(d) The total amount of Rs. 1,31,38,51,787 has been spent on Payment of Central pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme during the financial year 1995-96.

STATEMENT

S.No.	State/UT	No. of cases in which freedom fighters pension has been sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11060
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
3.	Assam	4330
4.	Bihar	24566
5.	Goa	911
6.	Gujarat	3570
7.	Haryana	1640
8.	Himachal Pradesh	579
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1780
10.	Karnataka	9968
11.	Kerala	2813
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3337
13.	Maharashtra	16484
14.	Manipur	62
15.	Meghalaya	86
16.	Mizoram	4
17.	Nagaland	3
18.	Orissa	4166
19.	Punjab	6878
20.	Rajasthan	787
21.	Sikkim	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	4068
23.	Tripura	886
24.	Uttar Pradesh	17911
25.	West Bengal	22395
26.	A and N Islands	2
27.	Chandigarh	89
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-
29.	Daman and Diu	33
30.	Delhi	2031
31.	Lakshadweep	-
32.	Pondicherry	313
33.	INA	22005
Total		162757

Foreign Contribution

3014. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names and addresses of individuals, organisations and institutions which received more than rupees one lakh as foreign contribution during each of the last three years; and

(b) the details of the amount received by them, during the said period year-wise and the details of the activities on which the same was spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The names of all the reporting associations/organisations under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 are contained in the copies of the annual reports for these years regarding 'Receipt of Foreign Contribution by Voluntary Associations', which are available in the Parliament Library. The details of the amount received by them collectively for the various activities are also available in these reports.

Procurement of Pepper

3015. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to take steps for procurement of pepper from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made by State Government; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No proposal from the Government of Kerala for purchase of pepper under the Market Intervention Scheme has been received during 1996.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Expansion and Beautification of Stations

3016. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme for expansion and beautification of Navinagar, Varun, Feshar, Jakhim railway stations of Eastern Railway was prepared in the past; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Navinagar, Feshar and Jakhim are wayside stations handling a small volume of passengers. These stations have already been provided with facilities and amenities commensurate with the number of passengers handled.

There is no station by the name Varun on Eastern Railway.